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Mr. David I. Hodson, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Hodson:

Re: Topsoil Pre-stripping Request, Permit Revision, Kennecott Corporation, Barney's Canyon Mine, M/035/009, Salt Lake County, Utah

This letter is provided in response to our receipt of your September 16, 1992 letter, wherein you requested approval to begin prestripping topsoil from certain areas that are to be mined under Kennecott's tentatively approved permit revision, prior to close of public comment. After giving full consideration to your request, and Kennecott's concerns regarding possible weather-related complications if prestripping is postponed too long, I find that the Division cannot approve your request.

As you know, the 30-day public comment period on the recently approved Barney's Canyon Mine permit revision, will not expire until October 14, 1992. On September 23, 1992, the Board approved the form and amount of surety for this permit revision. Operations may commence on October 15, 1992, provided no adverse comments are received.

I am sorry that we cannot accommodate your request at this time. Please contact me directly if I can provide any further information or explanation in this regard.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining

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